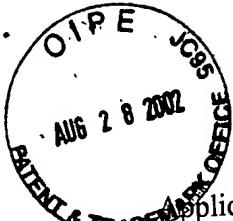


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 14, 23, and 26.

Please amend claims 10, 11, 16, 22, 25, and 28-30 as set forth below.

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10. (Twice Amended) A video data recording and reproducing system for editing a source video data, said system comprising:

a digital video tape recording means for digitally recording a source video data onto a tape medium at a first data rate during a source video data recording period and for reproducing recorded video data from said tape medium at said first data rate and at a second data rate which is faster than said first data rate to generate reproduced video data;

a disc recording means for recording said reproduced recorded video data onto a disc medium at said second data rate so that said source video data may be copied from said tape medium to said disc medium during a transfer period which is shorter than said recording period of said source video data;